

REMARKS

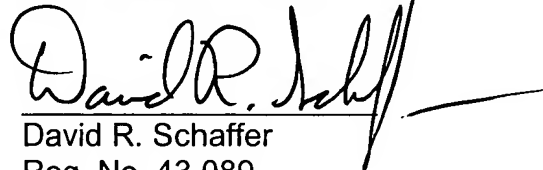
Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is not only ready to be examined but is also in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner issue a notice of allowance to that effect.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4263 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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